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There seems to be a scandal brewing in the National Guard circles in Arizona. It could not come at a more unfortunate time than now, just when our home guard is apt to be sorely needed. We make no comment on the merits of the scandal further than to say for the good name of Arizona the "nigger in the woodpile" should be threshed out and the guilty man or men dismissed dishonorably and we expect that Governor Hunt will see that this is done.

The resignation of "Joe" Gray as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Bisbee, to accept an editorial chair on a daily paper in Honolulu will remove from the District one of its most energetic boosters. The call of the printers ink was too strong for Joe and he is going back to his "first love". Its a long way to Tipperary but its a darn sight further to Honolulu, and here's good luck to you Joe and may you wake up the sleepy folks in the islands and dont over lock sending the Prospector force a jug of "poi" when you see "personal use" is a fact in Arizona.

Did the bad boy get your "goat" today with the thread worn joke—the hat with the brick under it so innocently reposing on the side walk, or did you bite at the old pocket book which when you stooped to pick it up ran from you like a streak of lightning, while the bad boy at the other end of the string screamed with delight?

Remember when you did the same things? It great to be an innocent kid.

William B. Kelly of Clifton, editor of the Copper Era has been appointed postmaster of that city, and that he will make a good P. M. goes without saying, since he is a brother "typo" and besides, when he gets to be able to read the postal cards of the camp he can get inside information for the Era, which information undoubtedly would make good reading for the subscribers. Here's to you Bill and long may you serve.

A clever book of poems from the pen of our former townsman Ned White is upon our desk. It is cleverly gotten up and written in that breezy western style that is characteristic of Mr. White. Some thirty five poems appear there in covering every conceivable subject of the desert. One in particular that appeals to us is entitled "Tombstone in the early days". Mr. White is to be congratulated on his effort and the booklet makes an appropriate gift to send to one's eastern friends.

There is a point of interest in our camp that is more than of passing moment and that is the old Stonewall hill where now is located the Oregon mine belonging to the Bunker Hill Mining Company. This property is fairly alive with men and is the scene of great activity. It is the big manganese mine of the district and all over the hill are active shafts; dumps are arising and motor trucks as well as four and eight horse teams are seen hauling the output to either the mill or the cars. Some of the ore is shipped as it comes from the shafts and other ore is concentrated. Daily shipments of this ore is going forward to the big steel and iron mills of the east. It is an inspiring sight to see this great activity in the old camp as we wish the Phelps Dodge people and Doctor Grebe great success in this operation as well as that of all the other vast holdings in the district and at that we are not unkind of the fact that their success in Tombstone's success.

There are some Americans who yet regard the bandit Villa as a romantic character, educated and refined. They almost believe that when he is captured he will be found to be wearing a wrist watch. But we think that he is equipped with a speedometer instead, says the Arizona Republican.

According to the Gila Valley Farmer eggs are legal tender in Pima, and the Farmer says: "It is no ordinary thing here to see a boy walk into a store, pull out his pocketbook, hand the storekeeper an egg and say "Give me an egg's worth of candy." Eggs are also used as a means of trade circulation by older folks.

Here eggs are standardized. There eggs have the denomination of five cent, six equal ten cent and so on."

Secretary Oscar K. Goll of the Douglas Chamber of Commerce has succeeded Joe Gray as immigration commissioner of Cochise county, and Billy Delbridge, new secretary of the Bisbee Chamber has been appointed deputy commissioner. Messrs. Goll and Delbridge are a publicity team that will keep Cochise county before the outside public, with its many advantages, and possibilities.

A GRUESOME FIND
AT SAN SIMON

SAN SIMON, Apr. 3.—A gruesome find was unearthed at San Simon Wednesday of this week, by a dog and some school boys. A dog scented something out in front of the school grounds, and began to scratch. A schoolboy went to his assistance. After digging some three feet and pulling out fragments of bone, one of the boys brought out something round and said he had found a pumpkin. He took the find to his teacher. It was a human skull. Further excavation brought out the entire skeleton. It is now at the Belt office.

Careful study of the remains indicate that the man was about six feet one inch tall, a laborer, and possibly forty-five years old. What race has not been determined. The writer says caucasian, though there are indications of Indian characteristics. But he was buried in a box, and wore miners boots, hobnailed.

No story can be found offering solution of the case save one. Some twenty years ago an S. P. train overtook and killed a tramp. The crew could do no better than to give him such burial as they could, as there were no marks of identification.

The remains do not appear to have been buried twenty years.

OLDEST ARIZONA MASON
INSTALLS LOCAL ORDER

"Uncle" George Roskruder, installed Tombstone Commandry Knights Templar No. 6 last night in Masonic Hall and at the election the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Eminent Commander, A. Wentworth, Generalissimo, H. H. Hugbart, Captain General, H. P. Johnson, Senior Warden, E. A. Hughes, Junior Warden, L. H. Stanley, Prelate, W. A. McSparron, Recorder, A. H. Girdner, Standard Bearer, E. M. Hawes, Sword Bearer, J. W. Walker, Warder, A. C. Karger, Sentinel, J. T. Kingsbury.

After the business was over a lunch was served and Uncle George Roskruder entertained those present with many anecdotes of the early days of Tombstone and vicinity. Uncle George helped lay out the city of Tombstone and also ate the first meal ever cooked in a restaurant in Tombstone. He has been in Arizona 36 years. Tombstone Commandry is now successfully launched. Mr. Roskruder returned to his home in Tucson this morning.

REESE LING SERIOUSLY
ILL AT PHOENIX

PHOENIX, April 3.—Reese Ling, former Democratic national committeeman and one of the most prominent members of the Arizona bar, was stricken late last night with an attack of acute indigestion, and attending physicians said his condition was critical. Mr. Ling was the choice of the southwest for the place of secretary of the interior in President Wilson's cabinet.

"Clean Up the Bowels and
Keep Them Clean"

There are many remedies to be used for constipation, but the difficulty is to procure one that acts without violence. A remedy that does not perform by force what should be accomplished by persuasion is Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets. After using them, Mr. N. A. Wadden, 315 Washington St., Waco, Tex., says:

"Almost all my life I have been troubled with constipation, and have tried many remedies, all of which seemed to cause pain without giving much relief. I finally tried Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets and found them excellent. Their action is prompt and mild, and their moderate taste makes them easy to take. I am more than glad to recommend them."

"Clean up the bowels and keep them clean" is the advice of all physicians, because they realize the danger resulting from habitual constipation. Do not delay too long, but begin proper curative measures. Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets are a new remedy for this old complaint, and a great improvement over the cathartics you have been using in the past. They taste like candy and work like a charm. A trial will convince you.

Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets are sold by all druggists, at 25 cents a box containing 25 doses. If not found satisfactory after trial, return the box to your druggist and he will return your money. DR. MILES' MEDICAL CO., ELKHART, IND.

TUNGSTEN PROPERTY
REPORTED SOLD

There is a report in circulation to the effect that the tungsten claims located eleven miles southwest of Benson, in the Whetstones, now the property of the American Tungsten Company, and under option to a Colorado mining concern, are to be taken over on the 5th of this month, the parties to pay down a considerable sum as part purchase money. This is the property formerly controlled by Mr. Jonathan Gordon, of Tombstone, who was instrumental in interesting the present owners in the property. Enough development work has been done to show the value of the claims and if the transfer is made it will no doubt mean much activity in the Whetstone camp.—Benson Signal.

Stationed at Douglas

Deputy Sheriff Percy Bowden has gone to Douglas, where he has been stationed for some time by Sheriff Wheeler.

JEFF MILTON WOUNDED
BY ACCIDENTAL SHOT

Word was received here yesterday that Jeff Milton, the genial immigration inspector, for a long time stationed at Fairbank, was seriously wounded last Sunday at Ajo, where he is now stationed, by the accidental discharge of his automatic pistol. According to reports Inspector Milton was driving his team in the mountains near Ajo, and in some manner the automatic fell from his pocket to the bottom of the buggy where it was discharged, the bullet taking effect in the groin. He was immediately taken to Gila Bend by auto and from there to Tucson, where he is now in St. Mary's hospital, and at last reports received he was resting easy and believed to be out of danger.

Mr. Milton is one of Tombstone's pioneers and has countless number of friends here who were sorry to hear of the accident.

AMERICAN TROOPS DASH
THRU MEXICO IN 1846

In an editorial of Saturday we spoke of the Doniphan expedition of 1846 into Mexico. A coincidence is brought to light in the fact that out of the thirty of that expedition at the age of 36 was married in Sawtelle, California, last week. The survivor's name is Thomas J. Payne, who at the age of 16 ran away from home and joined the force under Alexander Doniphan.

Col. Doniphan's regiment joined what was called the Army of the West led by Col. Kearney, and left Fort Leavenworth on June 26, 1846, for Santa Fe, then the Mexicans' most northerly stronghold.

"We had our first fight just before reaching Santa Fe," said Mr. Payne. "It proved, however, little more than a brush with the scouts of the Mexican army under Gen. Aranda. This force, although it greatly outnumbered the Americans, retreated to Santa Fe, evacuated that city and fled to Chihuahua. At Santa Fe Col. Kearney raised the American flag and took possession of New Mexico in the name of the United States."

ON TO CHIHUAHUA

Col. Kearney was made a general and ordered to California to conquer that part of the then Mexico and Col. Doniphan was left in command of the American forces in New Mexico. He had exactly 1,000 men.

In the middle of December, 1846, came the orders for the advance on Chihuahua, and Col. Doniphan and his 1,000 frontiersmen started their expedition in a snowstorm. This force, which conquered Northern Mexico within three months, reached a point not far from the present town of Columbus, where Villista outrages a few weeks ago led to the dispatch of the Pershing punitive expedition. But Col. Doniphan and his men first moved eastward toward El Paso. They encountered Gen. Ponce de Leon at the head of 1,200 Mexican soldiers. In less than an hour the Mexicans were in flight, leaving forty-three dead and 150 wounded on the field. The Americans had several men slightly wounded. El Paso fell to Col. Doniphan without the firing of a shot.

Two months he waited there for the arrival of two batteries of artillery and then crossed the Rio Grande at almost the same spot where Gen. Pershing's men made their recent entry into Mexico. "We had one big fight on the way to Chihuahua," said Mr. Payne, "as far as I remember." This was the famous battle of Sacramento Pass, when Col. Doniphan whipped Gen. Heredia, who moved out from Chihuahua and with an army of 1,000 men took up a strong position at a pass in the mountains made by the broke military precedents and by brilliant maneuvering attacked the Mexicans in the rear. The American losses were one killed and eight wounded; the Mexicans 300 killed, 300 wounded and forty taken prisoner.

HELD TO SUPERIOR COURT
FOR ELECTION FRAUD

PHOENIX, Apr. 5.—"That he, the said Fred Gardiner, did then and there knowingly, willfully, feloniously and unlawfully cause and procure, one Savannah Robinson to be registered as an elector of the city of Phoenix, state of Arizona, she, the said Savannah Robinson not being then and there of the age of twenty-one years, to wit, of the age of eighteen years and no more, as he the said Fred Gardiner then and there well knew."

Arraigned on a felony charge, based on the foregoing specific showing, Fred Gardiner, former city Hall janitor was arraigned before City Magistrate John McBride yesterday afternoon in city court. Through his attorney, W. L. Barnum, Gardiner waived examination and was held to the superior court in the sum of \$1000. Previously he had been held in the sum of \$500 but Judge McBride doubled the amount in view of the nature of the charge.

Realizing that the immediate future will witness the most extensive prosecutions in the history of the city of Phoenix of persons involved in registration and primary election frauds, and further realizing that these prosecutions will necessarily involve time and effort, City Attorney George D. Christy yesterday handed in his formal resignation.

COMMITTEE ENTER AND
SIGN AGREEMENT

CLIFTON, April 4.—In the office of General Manager Carmichael, of the Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., an important meeting was held on last Wednesday at which time an agreement in regard to industrial conditions in the Clifton-Morenci-Mescal district was entered into and signed by a committee of seventeen, representing the employees of the district, and the three mine managers.

The agreement signed by representatives of the employees and the general managers covers general rules for working conditions, the presentation of grievances, and wages in the Clifton-Morenci-Mescal district.

The agreement is a lengthy document of about four thousand words and will be printed in pamphlet form in both English and Spanish for distribution among the employees.

WATCHMAN KILLED WHEN
ENGINE JUMPS TRACK

UYMA, April 4.—J. G. Graden, a watchman on the local yard night crew, was instantly killed at about 12:30 last night, by being caught under the footboard of his engine, which had been derailed on the yard "rip track" near the carshops.

The engine running light with crew came up from the south side of the yards. Logue jumped off at the carshops, the engine continued on to the rip-track south, which was the track, and the engine back d in on the rip track. Graden standing on the footboard at the rear of the tend a detail was apparently forgotten. Logue saw Graden's light fall and went, the engine was derailed, Graden fell to the track, the engine was stopped and all hands ran to the spot where Graden was found under the footboard, having, apparently, been rolled several feet and instantly killed.

HELD FOR OBTAINING
MONEY FALSELY

TUCSON, April 2.—Frank Moore, pioneer of southern Arizona, was brought to Tucson yesterday from Casa Grande, by Deputy United States Marshal Brad Duncan, and lodged in the county jail, charged with signing and cashing a United States postal money order belonging to another person. Arraignment has not yet been held.

Allegations of the case are that Moore while in Los Angeles, received a letter at the general delivery postoffice window, addressed to "Frank Moore," and containing a money order for \$74. Government officials declare that Moore cashed this draft cognizant of the fact that it was intended for another Frank Moore.

Moore has been a resident of this state for many years. He is well known to old timers and mining men.

MAYOR YOUNG OF
PHOENIX DEFEATED

PHOENIX, April 5.—City Commissioner Peter Corpstein defeated Mayor George V. Young, candidate for reelection, in the general city election, and James A. Jones defeated Claud U. Cliney, former councilman, for commissioner. Corpstein polled a vote of 1,355 as against 1,814 for Young.

The granting of a franchise to the Tucson, Phoenix and Tidewater railroad, carried overwhelmingly, 3,394 votes being cast for and 104 against the measure. There was one arrest during the day, that of J. P. Hannan, judge of election in the third ward, against whom a felony warrant has been issued, charging the securing of an illegal registration. He was released on bail.

Official Matters

Secretary J. N. Gaines of the Cochise County Taxpayers' Association returned home yesterday from Douglas, where he had been on official business.

RESUME WORK AFTER
IDLE 27 YEARS

DUNCAN, Apr. 4.—After being idle and under water for almost 27 years, the old Carlisle mine has again entered the ranks of the shippers. This week ore is being brought to Duncan for shipment, two carloads to be shipped a once. A car of lead ore is to be sent to the El Paso smelter, while the other car, which will contain the general run of ore of the mine, is to be shipped to the Empire Zinc company's plant at Canyon City, Colo. for experimental purposes. Shipments are to be continued to the El Paso smelter if it is understood.

PIRTLEVILLE SEEKS
FOR INCORPORATION

DOUGLAS, April 4.—If the efforts of several well known citizens of Pirtleville meet with success, the little suburb to the north of Douglas will become incorporated in the near future. Petitions are being circulated at this time and are being numerous signed according to John Gardner who is one of the leaders in the movement. Mr. Gardner also states that the subscription for funds to meet the necessary expenses of incorporation is also coming along nicely.

The petitions are being circulated by Gardner, Joe Lefebvre and Frank Byrd, all of whom are well known residents of the town.

The proposed boundaries will include the tracts known as Boneyville, Pirtleville and Queen addition, down to the Whitewater river.

He said that while the chief object in seeking to incorporate is to secure sanitary regulations, fire protection, etc., another reason is the fear that Douglas will enlarge her boundaries and taken in the territory which the incorporationists propose to include in their application for a charter.

PARTNERSHIP QUARREL
LEADS TO SHOOTING

NOGALES, April 3.—After a quarrel over money matters growing out of their partnership in a blacksmith shop at Patagonia, Jack Falls shot and instantly killed Tom Castleberry in the rear of their shop yesterday morning at 11:30. Ranger Lou Stevens was summoned to the scene and arrested Falls who was brought to Nogales and placed in the county jail pending a hearing.

FOUR-INCH FLOW IN
ARTESIAN WELL AT SERVOS

DOUGLAS, April 4.—A four-inch flow of artesian water near Servos, fifty miles north of Douglas in the Mc Neal basin, is reported by E. N. Ragsdale, a Servos merchant who was in the city yesterday.

Two artesian wells have been brought in on the property of Mr. Berry, near Servos with a depth of less than four hundred feet, according to Mr. Ragsdale. One has a flow estimated at one hundred gallons a minute.

A third well is being sunk on the property of Mr. McCullough, about thirty miles from McNeal, but as yet no artesian flow has been struck. The well has reached a depth of about one hundred feet and work is still in progress.

RECORD OF DRUNKS

Total arrests in Tucson in 1915 were 607 less than 1914, and for drunkenness in 1915 were 485 less than in 1914, according to figures compiled by the city police.

Arrests for all crimes in Tucson in 1914, numbered 1038. Of this number 606 were charged with drunkenness. In 1915 arrests totalled 1031, with 121 arrests charged to drunkenness. The decrease in arrests for drunkenness is attributed to the fact that the state became "dry" on the first day of 1915.